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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN EAST TIMOR

REF: A. CANBERRA 5840 (NOTAL) B. CANBERRA 5807 (NOTAL)  
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1. ALLEGED MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT BY ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL BEING CIRCULATED BY FRETILIN AND SUPPORTERS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO BE A FORGERY. ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL HAS PROVIDED DEPT WITH COPY OF ORIGINAL GENUINE ADVERTISEMENT WHICH TO ROCKWELL'S KNOWLEDGE LAST APPEARED IN APRIL 1976 IN FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW. GENUINE ADVERTISEMENT CARRIED HEADLINE QUOTE: THE BRONCHO WORKHORSE: ASK THAILAND ABOUT IT UNQUOTE. FORGERY BEING CIRCULATED BY FRETILIN SPOKESMEN APPEARS TO HAVE USED PHOTO-MONTAGE PROCESS TO SUBSTITUTE WORD-TIMOR FOR THAILAND. TEXT OF ADVERTISEMENT MENTIONS VENEZUELA, WEST GERMANY, INDONESIA AND US ARMED FORCES AS USERS AND CONTAINS PARAGRAPH OUTLINING ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE EXPERIENCE WITH AIRCRAFT. EDITORIAL STAFF OF AVIATION WEEK HAS INFORMED USG (FYI USUN END FYI) IT HAS RECORD OF APPEARANCE OF GENUINE ADVERTISEMENT AND IS VERY DISTURBED BY THEIR ATTRIBUTION IN THIS FORGERY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTS MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS DESIRED

IN ANSWER ANY INQUIRY; RECEIVED. EMBASSY CANBERRA SHOULD INFORM MELBOURNE AGE OF ABOVE AND ISSUE PRESS RELEASE CLARIFYING REPORT DRAWING ON INFORMATION PARA 1.  
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3. FOR CANBERRA: NATION REVIEW REPORT BASED ON "EAST TIMOR NEWS AGENCY" RELEASE APPEARS BE FURTHER EXAMPLE OF FRETILIN DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN. WE BELIEVE PREVIOUS EMBASSY STATEMENT ADEQUATELY COVERS NEW ALLEGATIONS.

4. FOR BERN AND STOCKHOLM: MELBOURNE AGE STORY REPORTED REF A STATES FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS ADVERTISEMENT (IN TIMOR VERSION) RAN IN INTER-AVIA (PUBLISHED GENEVA) AND KOMMENTAR (PUBLISHED SWEDEN). POSTS REQUESTED BRING ALLEGATIONS TO ATTENTION THESE JOURNALS AND OBTAIN CLARIFICATION WHETHER FRAUDULENT AD ACTUALLY RUN. CHRISTOPHER

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